

The Southwester

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Lt. Darrick Milligan, newly assigned as the Lieutenant for Patrol Service Area 110 (PVA 110), which is that part of zip code 20024 south of I (Eye) St. S.W.

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The Retirement of Blossom Athey

(Adapted from the Legal Times, 1/11/99)

One of the people behind Covington & Burling's long commitment to pro bono work, legal aid specialist Blossom Athey, has retired after 50 years with the firm. Athey, who helped launch the Neighborhood Legal Services Program in 1965, is a Covington legend. A history of the firm describes her as "a community institution" who was "better informed as to how to maneuver through the maze of the court houses than the firm's pro bono lawyers."

In honor of her retirement, Covington donated \$40,000 to the Legal Aid Society and \$10,000 to the Southwest Renaissance Development Corp. located at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Athey started at Covington in 1949 as a secretary but moved into legal aid support in 1960, around the same time the firm became serious about doing

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Crime Down In Southwest



Peggy Jackson, right, asks Lieutenant Jones what the police are doing to prevent damage-to-auto crimes.

Crime in Southwest in January, 1999, is down 9% below January, 1998, according to figures released by the Metropolitan Police Department.

The greatest drop has been in thefts, which fell from 25 in January, 1998, to 14 in January, 1999, for Patrol Service Areas 110 (South of I St. S.W.) and 107 (north of I (Eye) St. S.W.) ■



Stephen Tarason, the new principal at Wilson Senior High. Over 100 Southwest residents attend Wilson, the primary high school for our neighborhood. ■

Black History in the Southwest

SWNA Meeting February 22

By Jean Macdonald,
SWNA Secretary

"Building Legends in the Southwest" is the intriguing subject of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly meeting on Monday, February 22. The doors of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will open at 7:00pm for a rare opportunity to view pictures of Southwest from the files of The Cavaliers. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. It is produced in cooperation with the Southwest Neighborhood House.

Have you ever asked yourself, "How did this building get its name?" or wonder "who was that person for whom a building is named?" All Southwest residents know four distinguished citizens whose names are as much a part of our everyday life as our school buildings: Amidon, Bowen, Syphax and Randall. Plus one more distinguished person (without a building of bricks to remind us), Wiley Branton, for whom the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation is named. The meeting will present a brief history of each person accompanied by slides.

Invited guests include those people, residents and former residents, who have given much to our community. A representative of the Syphax family has promised to be present. February is Black History Month. How better to celebrate it than to recognize some of those accomplishments we may take for granted? Shakespeare said the past is prologue, and we invite you to come learn of our past, in anticipation of our future. ■

SWNA Elections Are on Saturday, March 27

In accordance with the By-laws of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, elections of new officers will be held in March.

Nominations for office of president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and district representatives are being accepted. Nominees for these positions must be residents of Southwest and be over 18 years of age. Procedures for nomination and election of officers were reported at the January Assembly meeting. At the February meeting of the Assembly (Monday, February 22), the nominating committee will report the names, addresses and offices of candidates, at which time nominations from the floor will be accepted, with the consent of the person being nominated.

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The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting is on Monday, February 22, 1999 at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M Sts. At 7:30 p.m.

The topic will be "Building Legends in the Southwest"

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ANC 2D. The six commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission for S.W. zip code 20024, elected to two year terms in the November 1998 city election, attend the February meeting of the ANC 2D. Clockwise around the table from the left are:

Mr. A. Litsky who lives at Tiber Island (554-8070); Ms. R. Folescu, Capitol Park

(488-1187), the new treasurer; executive director G. Simon, a part time employee of the Commission (484-3026); Mr. R. Moffatt, president, River Park (488-0288); Mr. A. Assalaam, secretary, Syphax (479-4107); Ms. T. Cassidy, vice president, of Carrollburg Pl. (488-9624); Mr. R. Westbrook, Town Square, (554-1448). ■

Southwest Community Calendar

February 1999 - March 1999

Feb. 20	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10am Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, SW
Feb. 22	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Public Meeting 7:30 pm St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St., SW
Feb. 24	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library
Feb. 25	Thursday	NARFE DC Chapter 2052 1:30 pm Southwest Branch Library
Mar. 1	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Executive Board 7pm SWNA Office Waterside Mall 401 M Street, SW Eye St. side
Mar. 6	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10am Southwest Branch Library
Mar. 8	Monday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D 7:30 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church 400 Eye St., SW
Mar. 10	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library
Mar. 11	Thursday	Southwest Chamber Players 7:30 pm St. Augustine's Church 6th & M St. SW
Mar. 17	Wednesday	AARP SW Waterfront Chapter #4761 Noon St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 222 M St., SW
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Mar. 24	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library
Mar. 25	Thursday	NARFE DC Chapter 2052 1:30 pm Southwest Branch Library
Mar. 27	Saturday	SWNA Elections 10 am - 5:00 pm outside of Safeway, 401 M St., SW
Mar. 29	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly General Meeting 7:30pm sharp! St. Matthews Lutheran Church

(Please submit calendar items by the 7th of each month to C.W. Hargrave (202) 554-8284.)

1999 - 2000 College Scholarships for Southwest Students

The Southwest Neighborhood Scholarship Committee has begun the process of raising funds and distributing applications for 1999-2000 college grants. Application forms are at the S.W. Branch Library. The scholarship program was started in 1974 by River Park Cooperative which raised funds to provide educational scholarship awards to three students in the neighborhood who needed financial assistance. Since 1974, the SW Neighborhood Assembly has had a standing committee, the Scholarship Committee. This year marks the 25th year of this significant community effort. The mission is to help southwest students realize their educational goals by providing college grants, encouragement and support.

This year, one of the grants will be awarded in the name of Charlotte K. Brooks, our neighbor, friend, staunch supporter, and noted educator. We know that her life of commitment, community concern, activism, and professional accomplishment will be an inspiration to our students.

We encourage students to apply who live in SW (20024), who are high school seniors, or returning college students and are full time students, pursuing an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university.

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The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is: to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident and to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

Blossom Athey *contd from page 1*

pro bono work. Her job, she says, "was born when we were presenting the poor directly." And, she points out, "anti-poverty law is 98 percent social work... There is a lot of work a non-lawyer can do."

Over the years, Blossom has assisted Covington's army of pro bono lawyers and steered their clients to the appropriate public and private agencies, becoming an expert on where to go for help. She wrote a widely used guide to these agencies, which is available in the D.C. public libraries.

In 1966, recognizing her contribution to the Neighborhood Legal Services Program, the federal government's Office of Economic Opportunity asked her to go to Arizona and help set up a legal services program for the Navajo Indians. She did it and Athey says the assignment was one of the highlights of her career. She has been back to visit the reservation almost every year since.

Athey also cites her work at Covington

on a public housing class action as deeply rewarding. By then in her seventies, she went out knocking on doors in D.C. housing projects to interview tenants and help put together the class. Many Southwest residents participated in these interviews.

From this suit the Housing Authority was placed in Receivership and our neighborhood has many improvements resulting from that action.

"Blossom is unique," says Covington's public service activities coordinator, Jan Flack. "I don't know another law firm in the city that has a person like this. Blossom says she plans to stay active by 'not retiring, but recycling.'"

As one of her commitments, Blossom works weekly with the children's program at Westminster Church.

One of the partners of Covington & Burling wrote, "You and the firm have partnered through 50 years of high quality service and remarkable accomplishments. So, the fact of the matter is, we too cannot thank you enough." ■



Dorothy Henry, a writer/editor at the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was honored at a retirement party at her residence in Harbour Square recently. She was formerly on the staff of former Congressman Donald Fraser of Minnesota, who was also a resident of Southwest. ■

Department of Energy Collects Coats and Hats for Amidon

by Lisa Tunstall-German

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Diversity Council delivered about sixty new coats and hats to Amidon Elementary on January 27, 1999. DOE employees and contractors purchased them to fill a large gift box during a Hat and Glove Drive at the Forrestal Building during the week of December 10-17, 1998. Amidon is one of DOE's Adopt-A-School partners. ■

The Washington Waterfront Association

will sponsor a parade of lighted boats on the Washington Channel Saturday April 10th as part of the National Cherry Blossom Festival. For additional information on other activities, call NCBF hotline 202-547-1500. ■

Safeway & Giant Sales Receipts

Drop your Safeway Receipts off at one of the schools by Friday, February 26. Giant Receipts need to be turned in by March 30th. ■

Elections *contd from page 1*

At the election in March, officers will be voted upon at large while district representatives will be voted upon by the residents of that specific district. Each district has three representatives with the exception of district 2 which has two. Candidates for district reps must live within the district which they hope to represent. Following is a breakdown of the districts for nominating and voting purposes.

District 1 North of M Street and west of 4th Street. Including: The Marina, Marina View Towers (1100 & 1000-6th), Waterside Towers (901, 905 & 907-6th & the townhouses), Town Square Towers (700-7th) and townhouses, and the Commons.

District 2 North of M Street and east of 4th to South Capitol Street. Including: 1001 and 1101 3rd Street, 800-4th Street, Capitol Park townhouses, 301 G Street, 101-103 G Streets, 201 Eye Street and Greenleaf Annex (north of M Street)

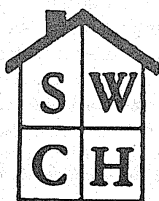
District 3

South of M Street and west of Delaware Avenue and Canal Street and south to the Anacostia. Including: Harbour Square, Tiber Island, Edgewater, Riverside, Channel Square, River Park apartment and townhouses, Carrollsburg, 300 and 240 M and 1250 - 4th Street and townhouses and St. James.

District 4

South of M Street and east of Delaware Avenue and Canal Street. Including: Greenleaf (201 and 203 N), Greenleaf Senior Citizens Home, 1200 Delaware Avenue, James Creek, Syphax Gardens, Telcourt and townhouses on Carrollsburg Place, Half Street, O, R and Q Streets.

Not all residences have been listed above but this is most of them. If you are interested in running for one of the positions and willing to make the necessary time commitment, please call Nominating Chairperson Thelma Jones at 488-3746. ■



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The Southwest Community House publicly thanks the following organizations and individuals for their generous contribution(s) of food, toys and/or money during our successful 1998 Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season :

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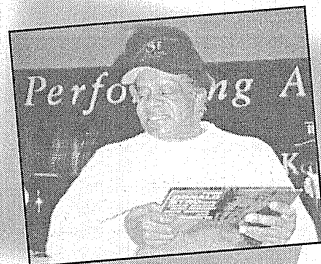
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in Southwest



Donald Byrd, jazz trumpeter, signs autographs after his recent performance at the Kennedy Center with a jazz group from Delaware.

Donald Byrd Receives Living Legacy Jazz Award

At the Kennedy Center recently, Donald Byrd, famous jazz trumpeter, who resided at 6th and M St. S.W. in the 1970s, received the Living Legacy Jazz Award by the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation. In the 1970s when he was chair of Afro-American Studies at Howard University, he and five students formed "The Blackbyrds" which had three gold records and three Grammy Award nominations.

He is currently on the faculty of Delaware State University. ■



The Friday night jazz series in Southwest led off with (left to right) Jerry Jones, drums; Cheyney Thomas, bass; Buck Hill, saxophone; Donald Waters, piano. John Forge, singer and tap dancer, was also on the program. Westminster Presbyterian Church at 4th and I (Eye) St. S.W. is hosting the series from 6 to 9 pm Fridays.

Southwest Chamber Players Celebrate Third Anniversary

Their 23rd concert on Thurs. Mar. 11 at 7:30 pm will complete three years of chamber concerts in Southwest D.C. by the Southwest Chamber Players.

The anniversary concert will be at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church at 6th and M St. S.W.

It will consist of: two quintets for piano and winds by Beethoven (Op 16) and Mozart (K 452) which will be performed by Faye Hermesen, oboe; Jerry Schwarz, clarinet; Jack Hufnagle, horn; Nancy Switkes, bassoon and David Ehrlich, piano. The resonance in the worship hall at St. Augustine's is known for its excellence for horns. A Schubert trio in one movement called "Notturmo," will be performed by Nayiri Poochikian, violin; Tom Blackburn, cello, and David Ehrlich, piano. ■

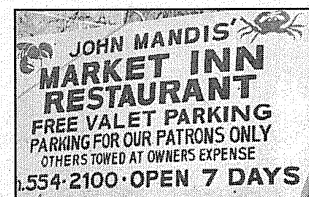


David Ehrlich, left, and Jerry Schwarz are among the musicians who will perform Thursday, March 11 at the Third Anniversary concert of the Southwest Chamber Players.

JAZZ AT MARKET INN



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Theater in Southwest

Paul Dunbar: A Caged Bird

By Wallace Babington

Paul Lawrence Dunbar is recognized in American literature as the first African-American professional literary man. He is remembered primarily as an outstanding poet; however, he is also the author of novels, librettos, songs and essays. Identified as a forerunner of the Harlem Renaissance, he is noted for offering a unique interpretation of the black experience in America. He did this in two ways: through poems written in standard English influenced by romantic nineteenth century poets, but also by the use of equally sophisticated dialect writings that placed the black speaker at the center of experience. This was a unique and significant contribution to American literature.

Why write about Dunbar at this time? Because he is subject of a new drama now at Arena Stage. The play is "Oak and Ivy"; this is also the title of Dunbar's first volume of poetry, published in 1893. Dunbar was born in 1872 and was married to another prominent writer, Alice Ruth Moore. The play concerns the conflicts and inner turmoil of this marriage.

It is of special interest to Washingtonians that as newlyweds their first home

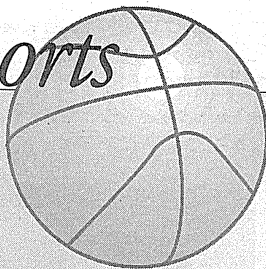
was on Fourth Street, NW in Le Droit Park. Paul Dunbar died in 1906 and has left a legacy of poetry that is cherished and loved by readers of all generations and races. It's time to reread his work and get acquainted with him as a man and a writer.

One of his best known poems includes lines that express his inner most thoughts and tell us a great deal about his feelings and frustrations:

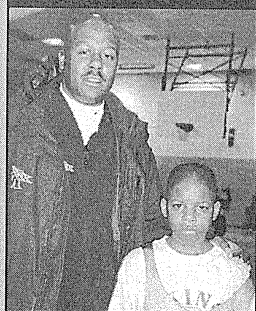
*I know why the caged bird beats his wing
Till its blood is red on the cruel bars;
For he must fly back to his perch and cling
When he fain would be on the bough a-swing;
And a pain still throbs in the old, old scars
And they pulse again with a keener sting—
I know why he beats his wing!*

"Oak and Ivy" is performed in the Kreeger Theater, Arena Stage through April 4. Information about both Paul Dunbar and Alice Ruth Moore is available at our Southwest Branch Library. Note especially: "The Collected Poetry of Paul Laurence Dunbar", edited by Joanne M. Braxton. ■

Sports



Coach Locksley & Son



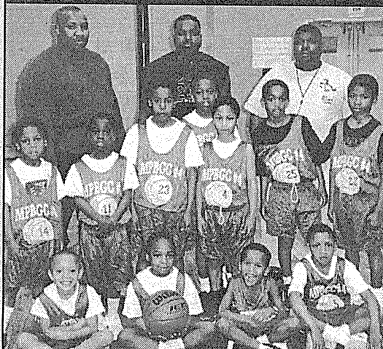
Mike Locksley now a football coach at the University of Maryland (College Park), with his son **Mike Locksley**, a member of a basketball team at Club #4 in Southwest. Coach Locksley was a member of football, basketball and baseball teams at Club #4 when he was young.

Club 4's 10 & Under Team



Front row, left to right, **Antonio Smith, Rico Mines, George Washington, Dr. DeFence, Niko Matthews, Rodney Lawrence.**
Back row, left to right: **James King, Curtis Waldron, Dontee Jones, Devin Yeldell, Rafor Ferguson, Malcolm Davis, Antonio Loganel, Michael Locksley**

Super PeeWee Team



The Super PeeWee team at Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club #4 won another game.

Front row, left to right, **Alvin Hudgens Jr., Donae Covington, Danny Calloway, Darrell Coleman.**

Second row, left to right, **Whitie Feemaster, Jeremy Miller, Sante Hastner, Varnard Toney, Marco Melton, Darryl Gillis, and Edwin Hallett.**

Coaches in back, left to right: **Alvin Hudgens Sr., Donald Covington, and Ronald Mines**

Anthony Bowen



The Anthony Bowen Elementary School basketball team, **The Bowen Bobcats.**

"Night of Jazz" at Wilson High

A musical tribute to Dr. Wilma Bonner, principal for nine years, will be combined with a fund raiser for the school's new marching band at 7 pm Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the school auditorium. Admission is \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

A special guest artist from Blue's Alley will perform, along with the school jazz band and jazz ensemble directed by Ken Dickerson. ■

One-Act Plays At Wilson March 4, 5, 11, 12

Thursdays and Fridays the first two weeks in March are set for the annual on-act play festival at 7:30 pm at Wilson High auditorium, Chesapeake and 40th St. N.W. ■

S.A.T. Prep Courses at Wilson

Math on Tuesdays and English on Wednesdays will be reviewed for 8 weeks as preparation for the S.A.T. tests this Spring. Math review begins Tues. Mar. 9 and English Wed. Mar. 10. A charge for the courses includes all materials. ■

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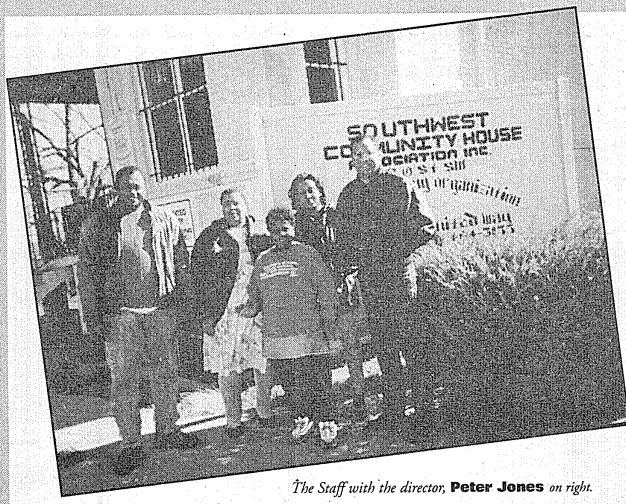
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Southwest Community House *Doing it Together*

by Mildred Brooks and Peter Jones



The Staff with the director, **Peter Jones** on right.

On January 26, 1999, Southwest Community House (SWCH) held its annual Community Meeting at the Anthony Bowen Elementary School. This meeting was attended by approximately 60 residents of the Southwest, and was presided over by the agency's Executive Director, Peter Jones.

Mr. Jones began the meeting by giving a brief history of SWCH, which was followed by an overview of the services the agency currently provides (job development and employment referral, emergency services [distributing non-perishable food, clothing and furniture], services to seniors at the Greenleaf Seniors building, youth services, and the sponsoring of community-wide events). Mr. Jones next outlined the goals the agency will pursue this year, which includes major renovations at its 156 Q Street headquarters, securing money to continue and expand services to the community, increasing the agency's visibility and forming collaborations and partner-

ships with other Southwest-based organizations.

Following his presentation the meeting was opened to the audience. A spirited debate followed. Mr. David Brewer, SWCH's newly elected Board President, committed the agency to taking a lead role in planning and forming a Southwest task force which will address issues facing the entire community. Residents also voiced concerns about supporting/expanding programming for youth, providing services & programs for older youth/young adults, putting together a job fair, and making residents more aware of the learning and training opportunities at the Link and Learn initiative at Waterside Mall.

Donations of time, expertise and creativity are urgently needed by Southwest House. If you are interested in making a difference please contact Mr. Jones at (202) 488-7210. Southwest House can also be e-mailed at subhouse@oncon.com.

- ★ Featured on BET's Dialogue on Race, we are a bi-racial community of faith
- ★ Celebrating our relationship with Howard University School of Divinity (Dr. Bledsoe is Adjunct Professor of World Religions and several students are on staff), we are connected to the world.
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Religious Activities in S.W.

Sunday Discussions at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church at 10 am:

Sun. Feb. 29 The Meaning of Lent, Fr. Talbott

Sun. Mar. 7 The Tempest, by Wm. Shakespeare
(On Wed. Mar. 3 join in a reading aloud of The Tempest)

Lenten Series St. Dominic's Catholic Church, 630 E. St. S.W., with Fr. Giles Dimock, OP, STD

Wed. Feb. 24 7 p.m., Theology of the Liturgy and the Mass

Wed. Mar. 3 7 p.m., The Jewish Sacrificial Meal and the Sacrifice of the Mass

Wed. Mar. 10 7 p.m., Sacramental Presence of Christ and Communion

Wed. Mar. 17 7 p.m., Explanatory celebration of the Mass with 2 instructions

Wed. Mar. 24 7 p.m., Holy Hour with homily on the healing aspects of the Eucharist. Soup and bread will be served after each service.

SW Library

1. Southwest Library Mystery Book Club
Every 3rd Monday of the month, call (202)727-1382 for more information
2. Child Care Group II
Orientation for child care careers. Every Thursday from 1:30-5:00pm. Call (202)488-5300 for more information
3. Black History Month Book Display
for children & adult
4. Toddler Times
Stories, fingerplays, films etc. for very young children. Call the Children's Librarian for dates and times, 727-1382
5. Library Orientation for School Age (ages 6-12) every Wednesday & Thursday. Call the branch for an appointment, 727-1382
6. Basic Writing Class on GRAMMAR
Starting Feb. 22nd for 8 Mondays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. CALICO Computer Lab, upstairs, register by calling 727-1616

Other News at Southwest Library

- Southwest has Internet available for the community call (202)727-1298 to sign up for training at MLK
- Southwest is now open more hours
Mon. & Wed.—10:00 - 9:00pm
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- Get Tax Assistance From AARP
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Call the branch at 727-1382 for more information ■

Life Cycle

There will be a memorial service for Marguerite Gilstrap on Saturday, March 13th at River Park, 1301 Delaware Ave. It will be in the South Commons Room at 10:00 am. Ms. Gilstrap died on November 3rd, 1998. ■

Vocational Training for Women

The YWCA has free training for women interested in careers as tradeswomen. New classes start each month. Free workshops are available to any woman who calls to make a reservation (202-626-0700, ask for extension 18). The next workshops will be on Wednesday, March 10 and March 17 from 9:00 in the morning until noon. The YWCA is located at 624 9th Street, NW, at the Gallery Place metro stop on the Green Line.

This program offers career guidance, Union trade apprenticeships, hands on experience, support from experienced tradeswomen, and job placement assistance. Additionally, preparation for GATB, GED, CDI, and TABE tests is available. ■

DC Link & Learn

Southwest, DC is very fortunate to have DC Link and Learn right here in our area. It is located on the second floor (take the elevator near Safeway) of Waterside Mall, 401 M Street. D. C. Link & Learn, managed by the Foundation for Educational Innovation (FEI), is a 40,000 square foot space dedicated to whole family technology training. It will serve K-12 age youth, adults, senior citizens, and provide childcare (for ages 3-6) for those family members in the workforce development training.

DCLL is a collaboration of working partners, teamed to provide a comprehensive

program of computer and information technology training for District residents. These partners include: Associates for Renewal in Education (ARE), Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), FIRM2000 Technology Solutions, Mitchell Systems Corporation, Microsoft, Science, Mathematics, Aerospace, Research, and Technology (S.M.A.R.T., Inc.), Southeastern University, TECH CORPS-DC, and YCARE 2000 (YMCA affiliate).

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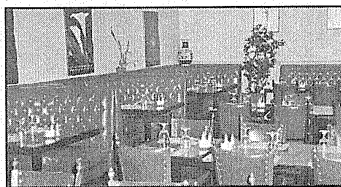
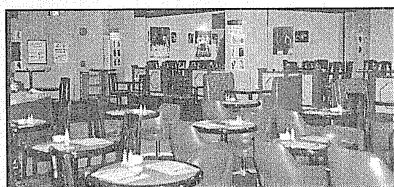
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